

AMENDMENT A
(37 C.F.R. 1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 4 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) A fishing vessel cable winch system for lowering nets into the water and raising nets from the water comprising:

a drum, the drum being means for winding and unwinding at least one cable;

means for rotating the drum for winding and unwinding said at least one cable;

a cable guide, the cable guide including two parallel elongate members wherein the elongate members are spaced-apart to allow for the least one cable to freely travel in between said elongate members and for guiding the winding and unwinding of said at least one cable on the drum;

the cable guide being pivotally attached to means for oscillating said cable guide so as to cyclically guide the at least one cable for evenly distributed winding and unwinding of the at least one cable along one end of the drum to an opposite end of the drum; and

remote oscillation operating means in mechanical communication with the means for oscillating said cable guide, said remote oscillation operating means being operably independent of the means for rotating the drum, said remote oscillation operating means extending to ~~being on~~ a side of the one of the ends of the drum so as to be in a non-interfering relationship with the oscillation of the cable guide, and said remote oscillation operating means further having handle means for remote manual operation of said remote oscillation operating means, said handle means being located outside an envelope of the cable oscillation movements of the cable guide, wherein a winch operator manually operating the remote operating handle means can not be entrapped during operation of the remote operating handle means in the at least one cable passing through the cable guide for winding on the drum or unwinding from the drum.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the remote oscillation operating means includes a shaft in mechanical communication on one end of said shaft with said means for oscillating said cable guide.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein the shaft is aligned in a generally parallel relationship to an axis of rotation of the drum.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 2, ~~further comprising~~ **wherein the** handle means **is** attached on an opposite end of the shaft.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 2, wherein the shaft is attached to a universal joint fitting, which in turn is in mechanical communication with the means for oscillating said cable guide.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the cable guide further comprises a removable cable travel securement means at an opposite end of the cable guide pivot attachment to the means for oscillating said cable guide, said removable cable travel securement means being means for preventing the at least one cable from exiting outside the space between the parallel elongate members.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein the cable guide parallel elongate members each comprise an inner elongate member and an outer concentric freely rotatable elongate member.

8. (Original) The system according to claim 7, wherein the outer freely rotatable elongate member is made from materials selected from the group consisting of polymer composites, metals and combinations thereof.